Global Engage
Program Policies
Welcome
Dear Global Engage student,

Congratulations on your acceptance to the Global Engage program at the University of Chicago!

We are thrilled that you have elected to join an exceptional group of fellow students from around the world who will come together and share their ideas, enthusiasm, and curiosity. The academic environment at the University of Chicago is uniquely crafted to challenge you, and inspire you to reach your fullest intellectual potential. We are so glad that you choose to participate this year.

Be sure to read through the policies contained here before finalizing your registration in the program.

We look forward to welcoming you to campus!

Sincerely,

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Executive Director of Summer Session and Associate Dean of the College
University of Chicago
Academic Policies
Academic Honesty

As students and faculty of the University of Chicago, we all belong to an academic community with high scholarly standards of which we are justly proud. Our community also holds certain fundamental ethical principles to which we are equally deeply committed. We believe it is contrary to justice, to academic integrity, and to the spirit of intellectual inquiry to submit the statements or ideas or work of others as one’s own. To do so is plagiarism or cheating, offenses punishable under the University’s disciplinary system. Because these offenses undercut the distinctive moral and intellectual character of the University, we take them very seriously; punishments for committing them may range up to permanent expulsion from the University of Chicago. The Summer Session Office and the College, therefore, expect that you will properly acknowledge your use of another’s ideas, whether that use is by direct quotation or by paraphrase, however loose. In particular, if you consult any written source and either directly or indirectly use what you find in that source in your own work, you must identify the author, title, and page number or URL. If you have any doubts about what constitutes “use,” consult your instructor and visit college.uchicago.edu/policies-regulations/academic-integrity-student-conduct.

Course Requirements

Students must meet all academic requirements established by instructors. Regular class attendance, timely completion of all assigned work, and thorough preparation for and participation in all classes are required. Failure to meet these obligations reflects a lack of commitment to success in the program and may result in probation or dismissal.

To support the academic success of all participants, Summer Session provides academic support in the form of tutoring resources. Participants whose academic performance is not meeting expectations will be referred by program staff to academic support resources for additional assistance. There will also be an academic advisor who will regularly provide one-on-one support to students in the residence hall.

Class Attendance

Students are expected to attend all class sessions. Instructors in pre-college programs take attendance at every class session, and are expected to notify the Summer Session Office within a half-hour of any student absence; Summer Session staff will attempt to locate the student and will send the student to class unless the student is ill or has some other emergency that precludes attendance. Students who will not be able to attend a class session should inform their instructor in advance of the class session via email, copying summersession@uchicago.edu. Unexcused class absences by pre-college students may result in disciplinary action, including probation and dismissal.
Computing

Global Engage students will have access to the University’s computing network during the length of their program as a campus Guest. Students are strongly encouraged to bring their own computers if they own one.

*Students who do not own their own laptop should contact their program contact to let them know as soon as possible.*

Students who choose to bring their own computers to campus are responsible for their maintenance. Summer Session staff do not provide computer support for student’s personal computers.

Computing Regulations

All students are expected to abide by the University of Chicago’s policy on Information Technology Use and Access: [https://its.uchicago.edu/acceptable-use-policy](https://its.uchicago.edu/acceptable-use-policy). Failure to do so will result in disciplinary action by the University.

Parents and students should be aware that the University does not monitor or censor in any way any electronic material. Some individuals may find the content of some electronic entries to be objectionable, including comments which may be construed as profane, obscene, racist, sexist, or otherwise offensive. Students should use the University’s computing network recognizing that these materials exist and can be accessed, and that the University neither assumes responsibility for nor endorses any of the content in electronic entries.

If you acquire and/or redistribute copyrighted materials without buying or licensing them, and/or if in using certain applications you consume network capacity inappropriately, you will be found in violation of the University’s Eligibility and Acceptable Use Policy. This will result in the revocation of your IT account, which means you will no longer be able to use University computing facilities, including on-campus Wi-Fi or other network connections, while you are a student here. Federal law requires that the University take action when notified that someone on its network is distributing copyrighted materials. In addition, sharing copyrighted materials without a license is quite likely to subject the user and the University to legal sanctions. The University will not protect individuals who distribute copyrighted material without an appropriate license.
Campus Policies
**Student Conduct**

Any conduct, on or off campus, of students as individuals and as members of campus groups that threatens the security of the University community, the rights of its individual members, or its basic norms of academic integrity will be subject to disciplinary action and possible dismissal from the program.

The ideas of different members of the University community will frequently conflict, and we do not attempt to shield people from ideas that they might find unwelcome, disagreeable, or even offensive. There are, however, some circumstances in which behavior so violates our community’s standards that formal University intervention may be appropriate. Acts of violence and explicit threats of violence directed to a particular individual that compromise that individual's safety or ability to function within the University setting are direct affronts to the University’s values and warrant intervention by University officials. Abusive conduct directed at a particular individual that compromises that individual's ability to function within the University setting and that persists after the individual has asked that it stop may also warrant such intervention.

**Statement of Nondiscrimination**

In keeping with its long-standing traditions and policies, the University of Chicago considers students, employees, applicants for admission or employment, and those seeking access to University programs on the basis of individual merit. The University does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national or ethnic origin, age, status as an individual with a disability, protected veteran status, genetic information, or other protected classes as required by law (including Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972). For additional information regarding the University of Chicago’s Policy on Harassment, Discrimination, and Sexual Misconduct, please see: [http://harassmentpolicy.uchicago.edu/page/policy](http://harassmentpolicy.uchicago.edu/page/policy).

The University official responsible for coordinating compliance with this Notice of Nondiscrimination is Bridget Collier, Associate Provost for Equal Opportunity Programs. Ms. Collier also serves as the University’s Title IX Coordinator, Affirmative Action Officer, and Section 504/ADA Coordinator. You may contact Ms. Collier by emailing bcollier@uchicago.edu, by calling 773-702-5671, or by writing to Bridget Collier, Office of the Provost, The University of Chicago, 5801 S. Ellis Ave., Suite 510, Chicago, IL 60637.

**Unlawful Discrimination and Harassment**

Discrimination based on factors irrelevant to admission, employment, or program participation violates the University’s principles. In keeping with its long-standing traditions and policies, the University of Chicago considers students, employees, applicants for admission or employment, and those seeking access to programs on the basis of individual merit. The University does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national or ethnic origin, age, status as an individual with a disability, protected veteran status, genetic information or other protected classes under the law. Such discrimination is unlawful.

Harassment based on one of the factors listed above is verbal or physical conduct or conduct using technology that is so severe or pervasive that it has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual’s work performance or educational program participation, or that creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive work or educational environment.
A person’s subjective belief that behavior is offensive, intimidating or hostile does not make that behavior harassment. The behavior must be objectively unreasonable. Expression occurring in an academic, educational or research context is considered as a special case and is broadly protected by academic freedom. Such expression will not constitute harassment unless (in addition to satisfying the above definition) it is targeted at a specific person or persons, is abusive, and serves no bona fide academic purpose.

Harassment includes same-sex harassment and peer harassment among students, staff, other academic appointees, postdoctoral researchers, faculty members, program participants, volunteers, and anyone on whom the University formally confers a title, regardless of employment status. Harassment by a faculty member, instructor, or teaching assistant of a student over whom the individual has authority, or by a supervisor of a subordinate, is particularly serious.

Additional Characteristics of Sexual Harassment

Sexual misconduct encompasses a range of conduct, from sexual assault (a criminal act that the U.S. Department of Education defines as sexual harassment) to conduct such as unwanted touching or persistent unwelcome comments, emails, or pictures of an insulting or degrading sexual nature, which may constitute harassment, depending upon the specific circumstances and context in which the conduct occurs. For example, sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, or sexually-directed remarks or behavior constitute sexual harassment when (1) submission to or rejection of such conduct is made, explicitly or implicitly, a basis for an academic or employment decision, or a term or condition of either; or (2) such conduct directed against an individual persists despite its rejection.

In compliance with the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013 ("VAWA") and the Clery Act, the University uses the State of Illinois Criminal Code’s definitions of sexual assault and sexual abuse. The University incorporates the State’s definitions of several other important terms, including domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking and recognizes that sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking are not gender-specific crimes.

Definitions and additional information are provided in the UChicago Student Manual.

Identification - The UChicago Affiliate Card

The UChicago Affiliate Card is a student’s official Summer Session identification and is subject to the regulations of the University. Students should carry the card at all times as it is required for entry into the residence hall, dining hall, and other facilities. The card is not transferable and must be presented upon demand by a University official. Students are subject to disciplinary action if they fail to identify themselves adequately upon the request of a University official. Misuse of the card will result in its forfeiture and may be subject to disciplinary action.

UChicago Affiliate Cards will be distributed on arrival day at the check-in table. Students will be given program lanyards to carry their UChicago Card, and they are expected to wear their lanyards around their necks while on campus.

If a student loses their UChicago Card, there is a $30 charge to replace a card. It may take up to three (3) business days to make a replacement card. Students are responsible for paying for meals in the dining hall until a replacement card can be created. In case of a lost UChicago Card, contact any residential staff member immediately, so that Summer Session senior staff members can be notified and request a new card and have the old card deactivated immediately.
Any Summer Session student found to be in possession of an altered or fake ID (UChicago or government-issued) will have it confiscated, not to be returned, and disciplinary action will be taken against the student.

**Alcohol, Drugs & Paraphernalia and Prescription Medicine**

High School, Visiting, and UChicago students may not use, possess, distribute, solicit, assist in the acquisition of, transmit, traffic, manufacture or attempt to manufacture alcohol, illegal drugs, or drug paraphernalia at any time while a student in the Summer Session programs, whether on campus or off campus, even at a private gathering. Undergraduate students over the age of 21 may consume alcohol off-campus, but may not be in possession of alcohol during Summer Session if residing in a residence hall.

This zero-tolerance policy means that any Summer Session students who are found to possess, consume, distribute, or be in the presence of alcohol or controlled substances while participating in the program, unless in compliance with a doctor’s prescription, will be subject to immediate dismissal from the program.

Federal and state laws prohibit the possession, distribution and use of controlled substances, unless in compliance with licensing requirements or a doctor’s prescription. Illinois law prohibits the consumption and possession of alcohol by persons under the age of 21 and the supplying of alcohol to any person under the age of 21. Additionally, Illinois law prohibits the sale of alcoholic beverages except by those licensed to sell such beverages. Illinois law and city ordinances also prohibit public intoxication, operation of a vehicle or bicycle under the influence of alcohol or other intoxicants, and consumption of alcohol in a public place. Violators of these state and federal laws will be subject to disciplinary action, which may include being barred from the residence hall.

This zero-tolerance policy also extends to substances employed to induce effects similar to intoxication or impairment, but which are not necessarily illegal, e.g., “whip-its,” “bath salts,” misuse of cough syrup or other over-the-counter medications, asphyxiation and so on. In such cases, the intent to misuse a legal substance to result in intoxication or impairment will be the determining factor in the disciplinary response.

Commuter students and students participating in off-campus programs are subject to the same restrictions and disciplinary measures for possession or use of alcohol or controlled substances.

All students will be expected to self-administer and self-manage their own prescribed and over-the-counter medications. The Residential Program staff bears no responsibility in these matters.

Finally, the health and safety of our students remains our top priority. Summer Session students are expected to contact appropriate emergency personnel when an intoxicated/impaired person needs assistance. In case of medical emergency, students should call 911 or 773-702-8181 to contact police, fire and medical professionals.

**Firearms and Weapons**

Possession of firearms of any kind, fireworks and other explosives, or other dangerous objects or materials on campus is prohibited. Possession of weapons, including knives, swords, tasers, BB, air or paintball guns, or any other object used as a weapon, is prohibited. Any student found to be in possession of such objects will be immediately dismissed from the program and may be referred to local law enforcement.
Smoke/Open Flames

Smoking (of tobacco or any other substance) and e-cigarettes (vaping, Juul, or any other device) are not permitted in or within 15 feet of University buildings, including all libraries, museums, coffee shops, and common areas of the residence halls. Students are not permitted to be in possession of smoking or e-cigarette paraphernalia in the residence hall.

Candles and incense are prohibited in the residence hall, as well as any other source of open flame, to minimize the risk of fire.

University Facilities

Students must follow the guidelines issued by each University service facility such as the libraries, athletics, and dining services. Failure to do so may result in disciplinary action as will misuse of the facilities.

Note that for students under the age of 18, access to the Ratner Athletic Facilities will be restricted to specific hours during the summer. More information will be provided at check-in.

Activities and Events

Activities and trips away from campus are included in the program, and program staff plans and accompanies students these events. All expectations for appropriate conduct in the residential program will also apply to off-campus events. Failure to abide by these instructions will result in disciplinary action. Any students under 18 who miss a bus returning to campus or otherwise become separated from the group during one of these outings must contact the Residential Program staff to report their situation or they will be reported as missing persons and parents of minors will be advised after a reasonable length of time.

Students who choose to explore the city on their own should familiarize themselves with how they will travel to and from their destinations before they leave campus, and make sure that they have the means to contact the Residential Program staff in case of an emergency. High school students who do not return to campus in time for curfew sign-in will be considered in violation of the curfew policy, and furthermore must contact the Residential Program staff to report their situation or they will be reported as missing persons and parents will be advised after a reasonable length of time.
Residential Policies
The Summer Session Residential Program seeks to serve the educational objectives of the University by offering a setting outside the classroom where individual education and personal development is furthered. The following policies establish reasonable limits to ensure all residents can live, study, eat and sleep successfully. These policies help to guarantee the basic rights of all residents which include protection from behavior that creates excessive noise, endangers or disturbs other residents, or invites the intrusion of public authorities into the residence hall.

Residential Staff

The Residential Program staff consists of Residential Assistants, current or recently graduated UChicago undergraduate students who live alongside students in the residence hall and help guide them in adjusting to the demands of college life. Residential Assistants are overseen by a team of Assistant Residential Directors, who also live in residence. As a team, they will be an important resource for students, and are responsible for assuring Summer Session students comply with all program policies and guidelines. The Assistant Residential Directors are on call 24 hours a day and the front desk of the residence hall is also staffed 24 hours a day. The residential team is overseen by the Residential Director, an experienced residence life professional who is a year-round member of the Summer Session senior team.

In addition to Summer Session residential staff, full-time residential staff who work in Housing and Residence Life during the regular academic year maintain apartments in CNRC with their families. All residential students should be equally as respectful of these staffers and their families as they are to Summer Session staff and participants.

Student Behavior in the Residence Hall

The residence hall is a community where the individuality of all residents and their rights to make personal choices are respected, as long as those choices do not interfere with the rights of others. In protection of these rights and responsibilities, residents may not engage in personal abuse, written or verbal, directed against other residents, guests, or members of the residential or facilities staff. Any form of abusive, threatening, or harassing behavior will be considered grounds for serious disciplinary action.

Students will reside only in their assigned room and may use common spaces in the hall as directed by the resident staff. Any other room in the residence hall, including rooms and common spaces that are being cleaned, under construction, or being used by another program or University staff members, are considered restricted areas, and may not be entered or used by Summer Session students.

Curfew

The safety and health of Summer Session students matters a great deal to our staff. The City of Chicago also has curfew laws which it strictly enforces. Accordingly, high school students have a curfew from 10:00 pm to 6:00 am Sunday through Thursday and from 11:00 pm to 6:00 am Friday and Saturday. This is not a “lights-out” policy, and students are not confined to their rooms during these hours. However, they are expected to be inside the residence hall. This policy is a way of ensuring that students are present and accounted for and that they have a chance to “check in” with their RA every night.

*The program curfew is in force for all participants in the High School Programs, regardless of age.* However, students who are 18 years of age or older may, as legal adults, sign themselves out for curfew after an initial meeting with their Assistant Residential Director to discuss the specifics of the 18+ curfew exception. Unless an of-age student signs out for curfew on a given night, they are
still subject to curfew policies. Residential Visiting undergraduate students who are under the age of 18 are also expected to follow curfew procedures.

The Curfew Policies and Procedures for students under the age of 18 require that each resident sign in with an RA during a prescribed time window each evening. **It is considered a curfew violation whenever a resident fails to sign in correctly, even if that resident was in the residence hall by the designated curfew time.** The residential staff will review strategies for successful curfew sign-in as well as all of the detailed curfew policies (beyond what is explained on this page) on the first night of the program. The detailed Curfew Policies and Procedures will also be posted throughout the residence hall.

Adhering to the curfew policy is the student's responsibility. While residential staff will take reasonable measures to ensure that students adhere to the curfew policy, once a student has been verified as being within the residence hall as the designated time, it cannot be guaranteed that the student will not subsequently choose to leave the residence hall area. Leaving the residence hall area during curfew hours, before or after signing in with the Residential Staff, is a violation of curfew.

Students under the age of 18 who violate or do not adhere to this policy are subject to a loss of privileges, including early curfew. In the event that a student is absent from the residence hall or floor as prescribed, the University Police, then City of Chicago Police, then the student's parents/guardian, in that order and after an appropriate interval of time, will be informed. Violations of the curfew policy can result in dismissal from the program.

Parents may give permission for their children to miss curfew if they will be accompanied by themselves or another adult who is not also a student in the residential program. Parents should submit an online Curfew Release Form at least 24 hours prior to the requested release time. Students are still required to sign out at the front desk when they leave under the authority of a Curfew Release Form, and they must sign in upon return. During the specified release time, the University of Chicago does not assume responsibility for the student.

**Students with Sexual Orientation/Gender Identity Considerations**

Students who have concerns about their roommate match and/or housing assignment in relation to their sexual orientation or gender identity should contact the Summer Session office directly via email at summersession@uchicago.edu. Be sure to mention you will be attending the Global Engage program. Students will not be asked to provide more information than is necessary. All inquiries will remain confidential.

**Roommates and Room Assignments**

Students must respect the rights of their roommates including, but not limited to, the right to privacy and use of the shared room and bathroom facilities. Students who violate this principle will be subject to disciplinary action. Students will receive room and roommate assignments when they move into the residence hall, not prior. For any roommate concerns, please contact the Residential Program staff immediately.

Students are assigned to double rooms or apartments as available. However, students are sometimes placed in single rooms due to space constraints. All students are enrolled in the dining plan for three meals a day, seven days a week.
Dining on Campus

Students will dine at one of the dining commons designated for summer use, and will be provided with more information closer to the start of summer.

Meals will be served seven days a week at the following times (subject to change):

- **Breakfast:** 7:00am – 9:30am
- **Lunch:** 11:30am – 1:30pm
- **Dinner:** 5:30pm – 7:30pm

The Residential Program staff may occasionally make arrangements for special catered meals to be served outside the dining commons. These catered meal dates, times and locations will be announced to all students beforehand.

Quiet Hours

In order that students might study and sleep undisturbed, quiet hours will be observed in the residence hall as follows:

- **Sunday through Thursday:** 9:00pm until 6:00am
- **Friday and Saturday:** Midnight until 9:00am

Guests

Occasionally friends or relatives may wish to visit, and we welcome them to campus. Guests may not be accommodated overnight in student rooms, however. Hosting unregistered guests will be grounds for disciplinary action. Hosts are always responsible for the behavior of campus guests, and visitors are expected to conform to the behavioral standards set for students at the University.

In addition, students may not host other program residents in their rooms overnight. Every student is expected to sleep in his or her own assigned room. This ensures that roommates’ rights are not infringed upon, as well as that in the event of an emergency, staff can quickly and easily locate residents. Students found in violation of this policy will be subject to disciplinary action.

Fire Safety

Fire safety regulations, which will be discussed during Orientation, must be followed. Tampering with fire safety equipment, including fire extinguishers, fire alarms, and smoke alarms, is a crime and will likely result in dismissal from the program.

Health & Safety

Students should not leave the residence hall areas alone after dark. Residence hall rooms should be locked at all times when you are absent or sleeping.

Moving Out

When moving out of the residence hall, students must remove all of their belongings, clean their rooms, and return their key cards to the front desk. A move-out checklist will be sent to students a few days before departure to help them plan ahead.

Summer Session is not responsible for any personal items left behind by students after they move out of the residence.

Transportation to O’Hare International Airport will be coordinated by Summer Session program staff.
Disciplinary Policies
Academic Violations

An instructor who believes that a student in his/her course has acted questionably with regard to academic honesty should discuss the matter directly with the student and, if possible, resolve the matter in this way. If this is not possible, the matter should be brought to the Director of Academic Programs. The Director, after consultation with the appropriate parties, including the student in question, will determine if a formal hearing is necessary. In these cases, the Director will convene a Disciplinary Committee, comprised of the Director of Academic Programs, the Residential Director, and the Executive Director. The matter will proceed to resolution consistent with the Disciplinary Procedures of the Summer Session and the College.

Social/Residential Violations

If a student exhibits behavior inconsistent with the policies contained in the student handbook, residential staff will intervene and discourage such actions. All inappropriate behavior will be recorded in a daily log and brought to the attention of program administration. In cases where a student’s behavior, in the judgment of the Residential Staff, fails to meet established expectations, displays disregard for the warnings of the Staff, or reflects a serious infraction of the program’s policies, the matter will be referred to the Residential Director for disciplinary action.

The Disciplinary Committee will consult with appropriate parties prior to rendering a disciplinary decision. Such decisions can include:

Probation. All students placed on probation will be so informed in writing with a copy to the student’s parents/guardian. Any further infractions of the program’s policies while on probation will result in dismissal. Probation that results from violations of the curfew policy will include restriction of the student to the residence hall area after 7:30 pm for a designated period of time. Note: Serious infractions during the final week of a program are not subject to probation but will result in dismissal and no record of grades or program participation will be issued.

Dismissal. Students with a history of warnings who further violate the program’s policies will be subject to dismissal. A decision to dismiss may only be appealed to the Disciplinary Committee and must include new, relevant information that had not been considered when the decision to dismiss was made, and must be rendered within 24 hours of the decision to dismiss. The decision of the Disciplinary Committee is final.

Expulsion. In very serious cases, a student may be officially expelled from the University. Expulsion follows all the policies and carries all the penalties of dismissal, but expelled students will be blocked from enrolling again as a student of the University for the next five years.

In cases where a single serious violation occurs or where a student endangers his/her own well-being or the well-being of others, a decision to dismiss or expel the student immediately can be made.

Students who are dismissed or expelled must leave campus as soon as possible. Travel arrangements must be made with the utmost expediency. Parents of dismissed students must approve of their student’s travel arrangements and inform the Residential Director of their consent.

Dismissed or expelled students receive no refund of the program deposit, tuition, or room and board fees.